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SUBJ: FBO REQUIREMENTS FOR Leningrad

EUR/EX FOR CLARK

A/FBO FOR STANGE

MOSCOW FOR B&M

1. WORK ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE MACHINERY ROOM FOR THE ELEVATOR IN THE OFFICE BUILDING WILL BEGIN IN NEXT FEW DAYS AND WE CAN HOPE THAT INSTALLATION OF THE ELEVATOR MAY BE COMPLETED IN THREE OR FOUR MONTHS

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AT THAT POINT WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO PROCEED WITH THE INITIAL INSTALLATION OF CARPETS IN THE BARE AND ECHOING RECEPTION AREAS ON THE THREE FLOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS CARPETS AND DRAPES IN THE ADJOINING STAIRWELL.

2. RECEPTION AREA CARPETING CAN BE OBTAINED AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF DOLS 2,620.

3. STAIRWELL CARPETING IS ON POST AND READY FOR INSTALLATION WHEN KEEPER RODS ARE INSTALLED. COST OF THE KEEPER ROD INSTALLATION IS ESTIMATED AT DOLS 200.

4. DRAPERIES FOR THE HIGH WINDOWS IN THE STAIRWELL CAN BE OBTAINED
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(FROM US SOURCES) AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF DOLS 300.

5. VINYL LINOLEUM TO COVER THE SIX STAIRWELL LANDINGS OF BADLY CRACKED AND UNATTRACTIVE TILE CAN BE OBTAINED AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF DOLS 500.

6. TOTAL AMOUNT NEEDED NOW TO COMPLETE THIS ASPECT OF OFFICE BUILDING IS THUS DOLS 3,620.00 PLUS DOLS 500.00 FOR TRANSPORTATION AND WE REQUEST IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING DATA. THIS AMOUNT IS SEPARATE FROM THE FUNDS SEPARATELY ALLOTTED TO LENINGRAD FOR FY 1975 FBO PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH BOTH OFFICE BUILDING AND RESIDENCE OF CONSUL GENERAL (50 PER CENT OF REQUESTED AMOUNTS).

7. QUITE APART FROM ASKING IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION OF DOLS 4120 TO FINISH INITIAL INSTALLATION IN CONNECTION WITH ELEVATOR AND STAIRWELL, I WOULD ALSO STRONGLY URGE RESTITUTION OF FY 1975 FUNDING BY FBO TO LEVELS REQUESTED (10,000 DOLS FOR RESIDENCE AND 8,200 DOLS FOR OFFICE BUILDING). THESE FUNDS WERE FOR INITIAL INSTALLATION AND IF THIS POST IS EVER TO SERVE ITS REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS PROPERLY, WE MUST CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS IN FURNISHING IT APPROPRIATELY. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO GO ON LIVING WITH MAKESHIFT ARRANGEMENTS. THE RUG IN THE MAIN SALON AT THE RESIDENCE, FOR EXAMPLE, IS 25 YEARS OLD AND WAS SENT TO LENINGRAD TO BE CUT UP AND USED AT THE DACA--BUT IT IS ALL WE HAVE TO PUT DOWN IN THE PRINCIPAL AREA OF REPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITY.

8. I AM TOLD THAT DURING STANGE'S VISIT LAST JUNE TO LENINGRAD, HE TOLD GLEYSTEN AND KING FBO WAS PREPARED TO FUND FY 1975 REQUIREMENTS. I HOPE THIS IS INDEED THE CASE.
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